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1.  The amendment filed on 06 June 2008 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment of 6/6/2008 will not be entered because the amendment is incomplete. No amendments to claims 1, 2, 4, 16-18, 56, and 59 as indicated by the applicant have been found.

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